

Ottillie W. Lundgren Mobile Field Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
Department of Public Health
December 7, 2007

Attendance

Lt. William Podgorski for Commissioner John A. Danaher, DPS, LTC Roy Walton for General Thaddeus Martin, Military Department, Leonard H. Guercia, Jr., DPH, Dr. Rolf Knoll, St. Francis Hospital, Dr. Mark Prete, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Dr. Albert Geetter, DPH, Elise Kremer, Ph.D., DPH, Mary Emerling, DPH, Ralph Miro, Waterbury Hospital, Dr. Richard Kamin, DPH

Excused: Commissioner J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., Department of Public Health, Gregg Sullivan for Secretary Robert L. Genuario, Office of Policy and Management

Convened

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Review of the September 14, 2007 minutes

The minutes of the September 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome and Introductions

DPH Commissioner Galvin sends his regrets that he is unable to be in attendance. The attendees went around the table and introduced themselves.

Waterbury Hospital

Ralph Miro gave a presentation on the three-day deployment of a section of the mobile field hospital at Waterbury Hospital. During the three-day event, a drill was held and tours were given to over 300 visitors from various hospitals, municipalities, state and local police, EMS providers and fire services. Mr. Miro went through the three-day period from initial arrival and set up of the hospital through disassembly. This was a great opportunity to test out equipment, discuss surge capacity and to discuss the overall positives and negatives. Mr. Miro also wanted to thank everyone who contributed and participated in the three-day event.

Pharmacy Update

Mary Emerling is working with John Gadea from the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division to provide the MFH with a general cache in the event of deployment. They are currently waiting on a cost analysis.

Site Surveys

There was no change in status.

Drills, Training and Deployment

There needs to be additional staffing and training for deploying and setting up the hospital. Department of Public Health will be offering logistical and medical training to the Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Teams this spring. It was also noted that the Governor's Foot Guard has also expressed an interest in assisting with the hospital.

Mary Emerling encouraged and asked for a collaborative effort among agencies in terms of set up and operation of the MFH. This will need to be further discussed.

DPH is looking into a springtime drill. This drill will provide a great opportunity for additional training with the hospital.

West Rock Health Care experienced a heat failure and an official request was made through the Governor's Office to request assets from the hospital and DPH staff successfully was able to bring those assets to the facility in a timely manner. One significant lesson learned from the experience was that a site assessment should be done prior to deployment because there could be some potential limitations.

There was a fatal tractor trailer incident on I-95 in Old Lyme. A portion of the hospital was deployed to support the Incident Management Team on scene.

As requests for deployment are received we need to keep in mind that they meet the Acceptable Use Policy as set forth by this committee.

2008 Schedule

A reminder was given for the 2008 quarterly meeting dates. March 7, June 6, September 12 and December 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dept. of Public Health, Commissioner's Conference Room.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room at the Department of Public Health.